

accordance with requirements of the Act and this chapter, the hearings transcripts, written presentations and comments shall be considered in evaluating the maintenance, administration, or enforcement of a State program for purposes of determining whether to substitute direct Federal enforcement of the State program or to withdraw approval of part or all of the program.

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## **PART 735—GRANTS FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

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### **§ 735.1 Scope.**

This part sets forth policies and procedures for grants to States to—

(a) Develop State programs for the regulation and control of surface coal mining and reclamation operations;

(b) Administer and enforce State programs for the regulation and control of

surface coal mining and reclamation operations; and

(c) Administer cooperative agreements for State regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands.

(d) Fund the Small Operator Assistance Program established under section 507(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201) and described in part 795 of this chapter.

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### **§ 735.2 Objectives.**

The objectives of assistance under this part are—

(a) To assist the States in meeting the costs of administering reclamation and enforcement programs consistent with the Act;

(b) To encourage the States to build strong reclamation and enforcement programs; and

(c) To encourage the States to assume jurisdiction over the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

### **§ 735.3 Authority.**

Section 705 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201) authorizes the Secretary to make grants to States for developing, administering, and enforcing State regulatory programs.

### **§ 735.4 Responsibility.**

(a) The Director shall administer the State grant program for the development, administration, and enforcement of State programs under this part.

(b) The Director or his authorized designee shall receive, review and approve grant applications under this part.

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### **§ 735.5 Definitions.**

As used in this part, agency means the State agency designated by the Governor to receive and administer grants under this part.